

# Taxonomy, Ontology and Semantics at Johnson Space Center

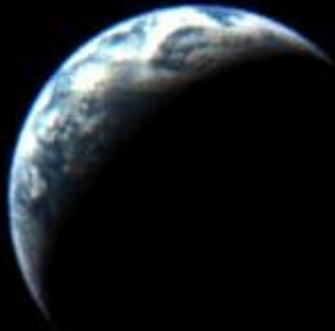
## Agenda

1. Recognizing existing standards
2. Avoiding the Vacuum
3. Setting the Scope, Defining the Vision
4. Informing the Funder
5. Demonstrating ROI
6. Experimenting with Classification
7. Semantics for Multiple Applications=  
Semantics for the Future



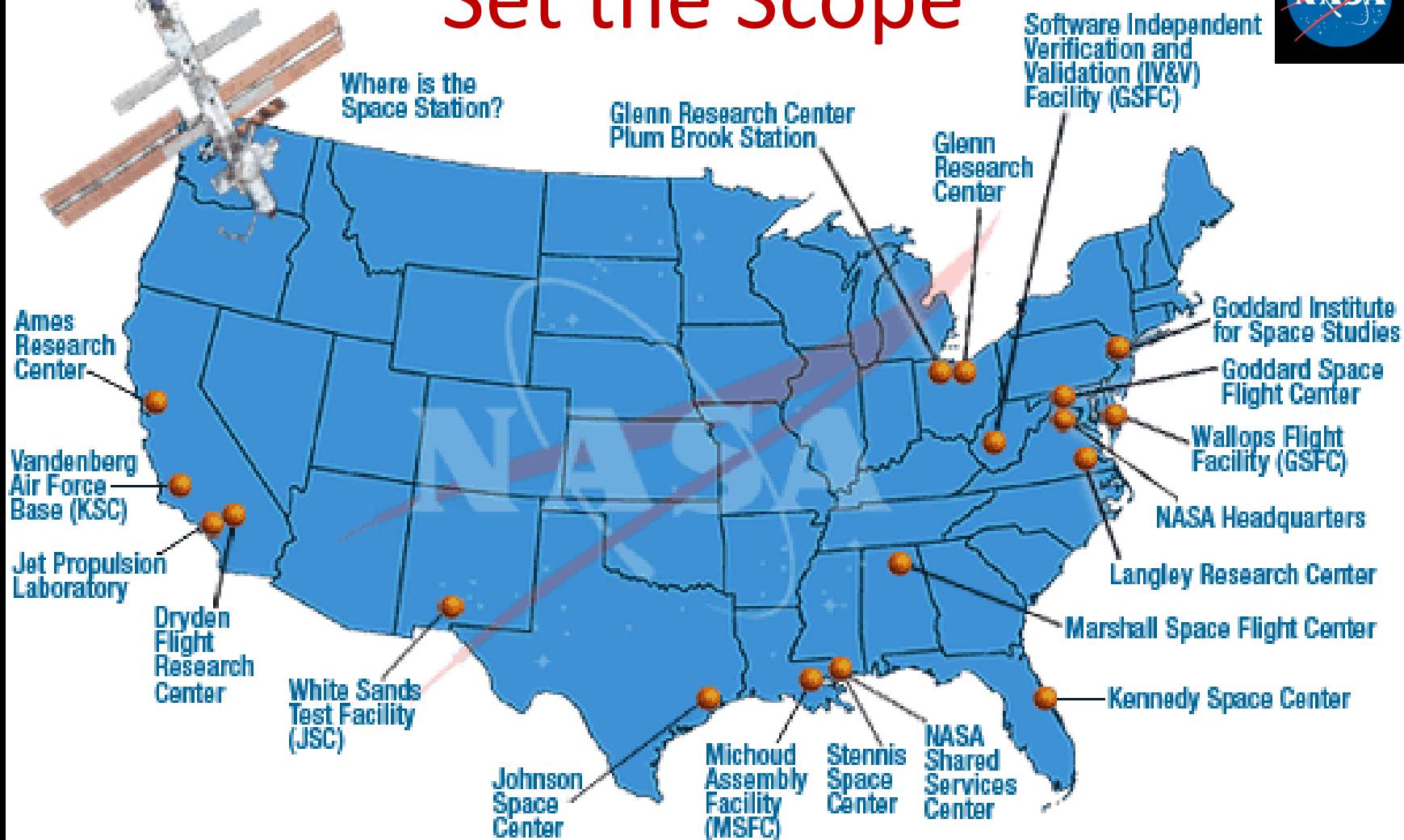
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# Avoid Creating a Taxonomy in a Vacuum



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# Set the Scope



<http://nasajobs.nasa.gov/work/where.htm>



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# Demonstrating the Value of Ethereal Assets

1. Fundamental value
2. Common language
3. Tangible benefits
4. Successful application means...


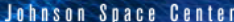



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# Search Interface, Classification

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# Search Interface, Classification

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# ROI

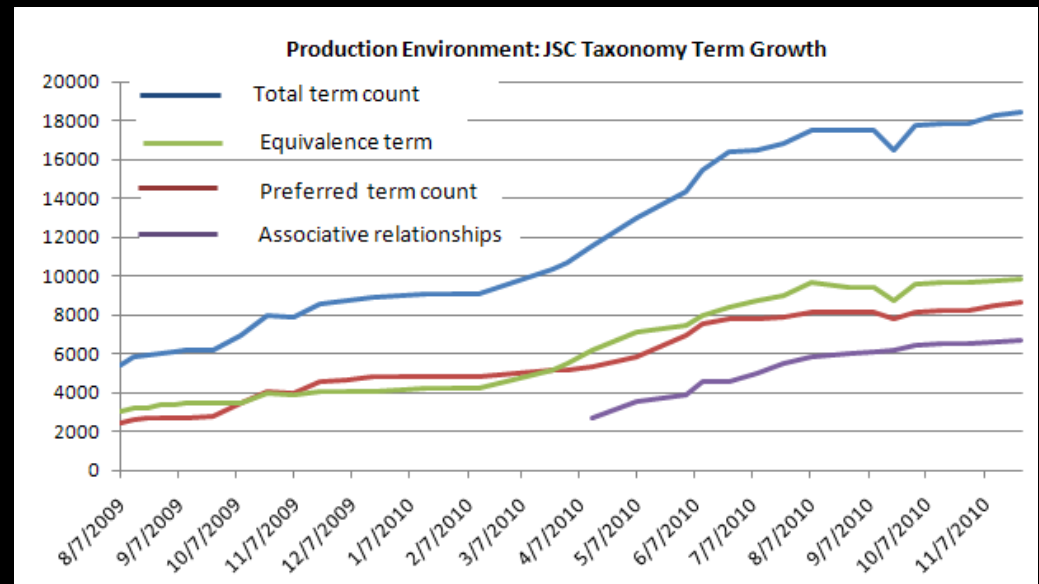


## ✓ Solidify the value of ethereal assets

- In a cost benefits analysis<sup>1</sup>, JSC information workers search habits were found to be slightly higher than industry levels; 10.5 hours per week compared to 8.8<sup>2</sup>. Monetizing this data with survey respondents salary ranges, and applying it to a conservative 20% improvement in findability for existing SharePoint users, yields a savings of over 12 million dollars per year.

Realistic expectations should include planning for:

- Implementation
- Growth /Governance
- Maintenance
- Application



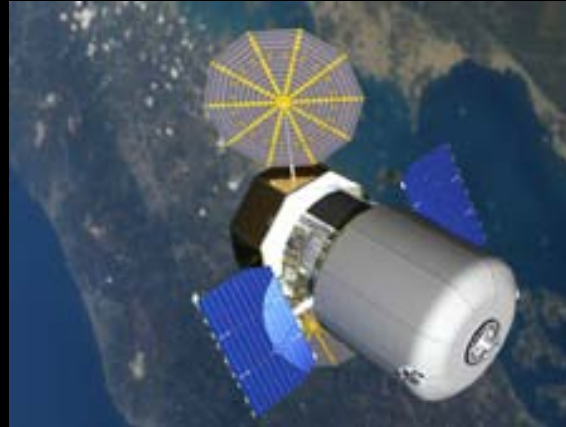
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# Semantics for a New Path: Space Technology Roadmaps



**Propulsion Technology**



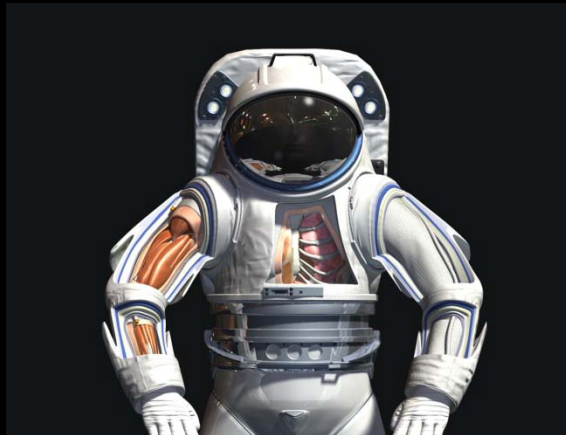
**Communication & Navigation**



**Tele-Robotics &  
Autonomous Systems**



**Exploration and  
Robotic Missions**



**Human Research**



**Commercial Crew**

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# Technology Area Structure: Draft

National Aeronautics and Space Administration



## TA01 • LAUNCH PROPULSION SYSTEMS

**SOLID ROCKET PROPULSION SYSTEMS**

- Propellants
- Case Materials
- Nozzle Systems
- Hybrid Rocket Propulsion Systems
- Fundamental Solid Propulsion Technologies

**LIQUID ROCKET PROPULSION SYSTEMS**

- LP/LOX Based
- RP/LOX Based
- CH<sub>4</sub>/LOX Based
- Detonation Wave Engines (Closed Cycle)
- Propellants
- Fundamental Liquid Propulsion Technologies

**AIR-BREATHING PROPULSION SYSTEMS**

- TBCC
- RBCCC
- Detonation Wave Engines (Open Cycle)
- Turbine Based Jet Engines (Hybrid Boosters)
- Ramjet/Scramjet Engines (Accelerators)
- Deeply-cooled Air Cycles
- Air Collection & Enrichment Systems
- Fundamental Air Breathing Propulsion Technologies

**ANCILLARY PROPULSION SYSTEMS**

- Auxiliary Control Systems
- Main Propulsion Systems (Excluding Engines)
- Launch Abort Systems
- Thrust Vector Control Systems
- Health Management & Sensors
- Pyro & Separation Systems
- Fundamental Ancillary Propulsion Technologies

**UNCONVENTIONAL / OTHER PROPULSION SYSTEMS**

- Ground Launch Assist
- Air Launch / Drop Systems
- Space Tether Assist
- Beamed Energy / Energy Addition
- Nuclear
- High Energy Density Materials/Propellants

## TA02 • IN-SPACE PROPULSION TECHNOLOGIES

**CHEMICAL PROPULSION**

- Liquid Storable
- Liquid Cryogenic
- Solid
- Hybrid
- Cold Gas/Warm Gas
- Micro-propulsion

**NON-CHEMICAL PROPULSION**

- Electric Propulsion
- Solar Sail Propulsion
- Thermal Propulsion
- Thrust Propulsion

**ADVANCED (TRL -3) PROPULSION TECHNOLOGIES**

- Beamed Energy Propulsion
- Electric Sail Propulsion
- Pulsed Propulsion
- High Energy Density Materials
- Auxiliary Propulsion
- Advanced Fusion
- Breakthrough Propulsion

**SUPPORTING TECHNOLOGIES**

- Engine Health Monitoring & Safety
- Propellant Storage & Transfer
- Materials & Manufacturing Technologies
- Heat Rejection
- Power

## TA03 • SPACE POWER & ENERGY STORAGE

**POWER GENERATION**

- Energy Harvesting
- Chemical (Red Cells, Heat Engines)
- Solar (Photo-Voltaic & Thermal)
- Radioisotope
- Waste Power Transmission
- Conversion & Regulation

**ENERGY STORAGE**

- Batteries
- Hydrides
- Regenerative Fuel Cells

**POWER MANAGEMENT & DISTRIBUTION**

- FDIR
- Management & Control
- Distribution & Transmission
- Waste Power Transmission
- Conversion & Regulation

**CROSS CUTTING TECHNOLOGY**

- Analytical Tools
- Green Energy Impact
- Model-Functional Structures
- Alternative Fuels

## TA04 • ROBOTICS, TELE-ROBOTICS & AUTONOMOUS SYSTEMS

**SENSING & PERCEPTION**

- Stereo Vision
- LIDAR
- Proximity Sensing
- Sensing/Non-Geometric Terrain Properties
- Estimating Terrain Mechanical Properties
- Tactile Sensing Arrays
- Gravity Sensors & Celestial Nav.
- Terrain Relative Navigation
- Real-time Self-calibrating of Hand-eye Systems

**MOBILITY**

- Simultaneous Local. & Mapping
- Hazard Detection Algorithms
- Active Illumination
- 3-D Path Planning w/ Uncertainty
- Long-life Extr. Envtro. Mechanisms
- Robotic Jet Backpacks
- Smart Tethers
- Robotic Swarms
- Walking in Micro-g

**MANIPULATION**

- Motion Planning Alg. High DOF
- Sensing & Control
- Robot Arms (light, high strength)
- Detachable Manipul. Robot Hands
- Sensor Fusion for Grasping
- Grasp Planning Algorithms
- Robotic Drilling Mechanisms
- Multi-arm / Finger Manipulation
- Planning with Uncertainty

**HUMAN-SYSTEMS INTEGRATION**

- Crew Decision Support Systems
- Immersive Visualization
- Dashboard Collaboration
- Multi Agent Coordination
- Haptic Displays
- Displaying Range Data to Humans

**AUTONOMY**

- Spacecraft Control Systems
- Vehicle Health, Prog/Diag Systems
- Human Life Support Systems
- Planning/Scheduling Resources
- Operations
- Integrated Systems Health Management
- FDIR & Diagnostics
- System Monitoring & Prognosis
- VxV of Complex Adaptive Sys
- Automated Software Generation
- Software Reliability
- Semi Automatic Systems

**AUTON. FLEXIBILITY & DOCKING**

- Rendezvous and Capture
- Low Impact & Androgenous Docking Systems & Interfaces
- Relative Navigation Sensors
- Robust AR&D GN&C Algorithms & FSW
- Onboard Mission Manager
- AR&D Integration & Standardization

**RTA SYSTEMS ENGINEERING**

- Human safety
- Refueling Interfaces & Assoc. Tools
- Modular / Serviceable Interfaces
- High Perf., Low Power Onboard Computers
- Environment Tolerance
- Thermal Control
- Robot-to-Suit Interfaces
- Common Human-Robot Interfaces
- Crew self-sufficiency

## TA05 • COMMUNICATION & NAVIGATION

**OPTICAL COMM. & NAVIGATION**

- Detector Development
- Large Apertures
- Lasers
- Acquisition & Tracking
- Atmospheric Mitigation

**RADIO FREQUENCY COMMUNICATIONS**

- Spectrum Efficient Technologies
- Power Efficient Technologies
- Propagation
- High & Ground Systems
- Earth Launch & Reentry Comm.
- Antennas

**INTERNETWORKING**

- Disruptive Tolerant Networking
- Adaptive Network Topology
- Infrastructure Assurance
- Integrated Network Management

**POSITION, NAVIGATION, AND TIMING**

- Timekeeping
- Time Distribution
- Onboard Auto Navigation & Maneuver
- Sensors & Vision Processing Systems
- Relative & Proximity Navigation
- Aux Precision Positioning Flying
- Aux Approach & Landing
- Planetary Safety

**INTEGRATED TECHNOLOGIES**

- Radio Systems
- Ultra Wideband
- Cognitive Networks
- Sensor Fusion from the Comm. System
- Hybrid Optical Comm. & Nav. Sensors
- RF/Optical Hybrid Technology

**REVOLUTIONARY CONCEPTS**

- X-Ray Navigation
- X-Ray Communications
- Neutron-Based Navigation & Tracking
- Quantum Key Distribution
- Quantum Communications
- SCQP Microwave Amplifier
- Reconfigurable Large Apertures

## TA06 • HUMAN HEALTH, LIFE SUPPORT & HABITATION SYSTEMS

**ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL & LIFE SUPPORT SYSTEMS & HABITATION SYS.**

- Air Revitalization
- Water Recovery & Management
- Waste Management
- Habitatation
- Pressure Garment
- Possible Life Support System
- Power, Airflow, and Software

**HUMAN HEALTH & PERFORMANCE**

- Medical Diagnosis / Prognosis
- Long-Duration Health
- Behavioral Health & Performance
- Human Factors & Performance
- Radiation

**ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING, SAFETY & EMERGENCY RESPONSE**

- Sensors: Air, Water, Microbial, etc.
- Pire Detection, Suppression
- Protective Clothing / Breathing
- Remediation

**RADIATION**

- Risk Assessment Modeling
- Radiation Mitigation
- Protection Systems
- Space Weather Prediction
- Monitoring Technology

## TA07 • HUMAN EXPLORATION DESTINATION SYSTEMS

**IN-SITU RESOURCE UTILIZATION**

- Derivation Reconnaissance, Prospecting, & Mapping
- Resource Acquisition
- Consumables Production
- Manufacturing & Infrastructure Employment

**SUSTAINABILITY & SUPPORTABILITY**

- Logistics Systems
- Maintenance Systems
- Repair Systems

**"ADVANCED" HUMAN MOBILITY SYSTEMS**

- EVA Mobility
- Surface Mobility
- Off-Surface Mobility

**"ADVANCED" HABITAT SYSTEMS**

- Integrated Habitat Systems
- Habitat Evolution

**MISSION OPERATIONS & SAFETY**

- Crew Training
- Environmental Protection
- Rescue Mission Operations
- Planetary Safety

**CROSS-CUTTING SYSTEMS**

- Modeling, Simulations & Destination Characterization
- Construction & Assembly
- Dust Prevention & Mitigation

## TA08 • SCIENCE INSTRUMENTS, OBSERVATORIES & SENSOR SYSTEMS

**REMOTE SENSING INSTRUMENTS / SENSORS**

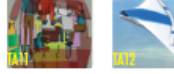
- Detectors & Focal Planes
- Electronics
- Optical Components
- Microwave / Radio
- Lasers
- Cryogenic / Thermal

**OBSERVATORIES**

- Minor Structures
- Structures & Antennas
- Distributed Aperture

**IN-SITU INSTRUMENTS / SENSOR**

- Particles, Charged & Neutral Fields & Waves
- In-Situ



## TA09 • ENTRY, DESCENT & LANDING SYSTEMS

**AIRCRAFT & ATMOSPHERIC ENTRY**

- Rigid Thermal Protection Systems
- Flexible Thermal Protection Systems
- Rigid Hypersonic Decelerators
- Deployable Hypersonic Decelerators
- Instrumentation & Health Monitoring
- Entry Modeling & Simulation

**DESCENT**

- Attached Deployable Deceleration
- Thrusting Deployable Deceleration
- Supersonic Xerocompression
- GN&C Sensors
- Descent Modeling & Simulation

**LANDING**

- Touchdown Systems
- Egress & Deployment Systems
- Propulsion Systems
- Large Body GN&C
- Small Body Systems
- Landing Modeling & Simulation

**VEHICLE SYSTEMS TECHNOLOGY**

- Architecture Analysis
- Separation Systems
- System Integration & Analysis
- Atmosphere & Surface Characterization

## TA10 • NANOTECHNOLOGY

**ENGINEERED MATERIALS & STRUCTURES**

- Lightweight Structures
- Damage Tolerant Systems
- Coatings
- Adhesives
- Thermal Protection & Control

**ENERGY GENERATION & STORAGE**

- Energy Storage
- Energy Generation

**PROPULSION**

- Propellants
- Propulsion Components
- In-Space Propulsion

**SENSORS, ELECTRONICS & DEVICES**

- Sensors & Actuators
- Nanoelectronics
- Miniature Instruments



## TA11 • MODELING, SIMULATION, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY & PROCESSING

**COMPUTING**

- High Computing
- Ground Computing

**MODELING**

- Software Modeling & Model-Checking
- Integrated Hardware & Software Modeling
- Human-System Performance Modeling
- Science & Engineering Modeling
- Frameworks, Languages, Tools & Standards

**SIMULATION**

- Distributed Simulation
- Integrated System Life Cycle Simulation
- Simulation-Based Systems Engineering
- Simulation-Based Training & Decision Support Systems

**INFORMATION PROCESSING**

- Science, Engineering & Mission Data Lifecycle
- Intelligent Data Understanding
- Semantic Technologies
- Collaborative Science & Engineering
- Advanced Mission Systems

## TA12 • MATERIALS, STRUCTURES, MECHANICAL SYSTEMS & MANUFACTURING

**MATERIALS**

- Lightweight Structure
- Computational Design
- Flexible Material Systems
- Environment
- Special Materials

**STRUCTURES**

- Lightweight Concepts
- Design & Certification Methods
- Reliability & Sustainability
- The Tools & Methods
- Innovative, Multifunctional Concepts

**MECHANICAL SYSTEMS**

- Deployables, Docking and Interfaces
- Mechanism Life Extension Systems
- Electro-mechanical, Mechanical & Micro-mechanisms
- Design & Analysis Tools and Methods
- Reliability / Life Assessment / Health Monitoring
- Certification Methods

**MANUFACTURING**

- Manufacturing Processes
- Intelligent Integrated Manufacturing and Cyber Physical Systems
- Electronics & Optics Manufacturing Process
- Sustainable Manufacturing

**CROSS-CUTTING**

- Nondestructive Evaluation & Sensors
- Model-Based Certification & Assurance Methods
- Loads and Environments

## TA13 • GROUND & LAUNCH SYSTEMS PROCESSING

**TECHNOLOGIES TO OPTIMIZE THE OPERATIONAL LIFE-CYCLE**

- Storage, Distribution & Conservation of Fluids
- Automated Alignment, Coupling, & Assembly Systems
- Autonomous Command & Control for Ground and Integrated Vehicle/Ground Systems

**ENVIRONMENTAL AND GREEN TECHNOLOGIES**

- Corrosion Prevention, Detection, & Mitigation
- Environmental Remediation & Site Restoration
- Preservation of Natural Ecosystems
- Alternate Energy Proscopies

**TECHNOLOGIES TO INCREASE RELIABILITY AND MISSION AVAILABILITY**

- Advanced Launch Technologies
- Environment-Hardened Materials and Structures
- Inspection, Anomaly Detection & Identification
- Peak Isolation and Diagnostics
- Prognostics Technologies
- Repair, Mitigation, and Recovery Technologies
- Communications, Networking, Teaming & Telemetry

**TECHNOLOGIES TO IMPROVE MISSION SAFETY/MISSION FLEX**

- Range Tracking, Surveillance & High Safety Technologies
- Landing & Recovery Systems & Components
- Weather Prediction and Mitigation
- Robotics / Telerobotics
- Safety Systems

## TA14 • THERMAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS

**CRYOGENIC SYSTEMS**

- Passive Thermal Control
- Active Thermal Control
- Integration & Modeling

**THERMAL CONTROL SYSTEMS**

- Heat Acquisition
- Heat Transfer
- Heat Rejection & Energy Storage

**THERMAL PROTECTION SYSTEMS**

- Entry / Ascent TPS
- Plume Shielding (Convective & Radiative)
- Sensor Systems & Measurement Technologies

Space Technology Roadmaps **STR • TABS**  
TECHNOLOGY AREA BREAKDOWN STRUCTURE

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# Conclusions

At NASA Johnson Space Center (JSC), the Chief Knowledge Officer has been developing the JSC Taxonomy to capitalize on the accomplishments of yesterday while maintaining the flexibility needed for the evolving information environment of today.

A clear vision and scope for the semantic system is integral to its success. The vision for the JSC Taxonomy is to connect information stovepipes to present a unified view for information and knowledge across the Center, across organizations, and across decades.

Semantic search at JSC means seamless integration of disparate information sets into a single interface. Ever increasing use, interest, and organizational participation mark successful integration and provide the framework for future application .